

porting period. These incidents raised intercommunal tensions to their worst level in many years and complicated efforts aimed at achieving a lasting solution to the Cyprus dispute. In meetings with the two Cypriot communities and the governments of Greece and Turkey, my representatives noted that the violence underscored the unsustainability of the status quo and the need for redoubled efforts toward a negotiated settlement. They advised that provocative rhetoric and actions be avoided to permit intercommunal relations to move onto a more constructive track. Similar calls were made by the United Nations and the European Union.

Notwithstanding the tragic events of August and September, my Administration remains committed to promoting a lasting peace on the island. Given the urgency of the current situation, we are appealing again for the implementation of practical measures to reduce the potential for conflict. We remain hopeful that both sides will recognize the importance of such measures and put them into immediate effect.

Sincerely,

**William J. Clinton**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Jesse Helms, chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

#### **December 7**

In the morning, the President traveled to Philadelphia, PA, to attend the Army-Navy football game at Veterans Stadium. He returned to Washington, DC, in the afternoon.

#### **December 8**

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton attended a gala in the Opera House

at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

#### **December 9**

In the morning, the President met separately with Defense Minister Gen. Chi Haotian of China and with Crown Prince Sid Mohamed of Morocco in the Oval Office. Later, he taped an interview with Brian Lamb of C-Span in the Map Room for broadcast on December 15.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe thunderstorms, high winds, rain, and flooding on November 8–15.

#### **December 11**

In the morning, in the Oval Office the President received a report of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

The White House announced that the President will visit marines and their families at Camp Lejeune, NC, on December 23, to celebrate the holiday season and highlight the contributions and sacrifices made by America's Armed Forces and their families.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

#### **Released December 9**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry